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SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five seconds? Yes, I do. Those in support of calling the question vote aye, those opposed no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate has ceased. Senator Morehead to close, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Again, members of the body, I do think that the time for us to adopt a change is at hand. The basic research by the Research Department that has been done in support of this interim study has indeed been very thorough. It is the first good look at the total committee structure and work load and subject matter that has been done since the inception of this one-house body other than a piecemeal tinkering, if you would, that has gone on preceding this. It has been a careful look. It has been as far as I can determine, and many other members of the committee can determine, as I indicated in my opening, personality and political neutral, and I do feel that. It reflects the careful study of the Research Department and all of us have had the opportunity to have input previous to this as well as today. It makes logical sense to change the work load possibility, and I say possibility because again I want to say that the implementation of this rule change would be done by the Committee on Committees at the beginning of the next legislative session. As with any change just like any vote in here, we as a body have come back and rechanged it if we found it didn't work and this, too, could be rechanged at another time if it doesn't work. But everything before us right now says that it will work, that it isn't going to make any area that we deliberate less important. In fact I think it will make the subject matters more cohesive and give us a better working knowledge of the areas. I would urge you to adopt this rule change. I would like to turn the remainder of my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I sincerely hope that you will make an attempt to look at the system as a whole and not to pick out one little part of it that may be of special concern to you and deal only with that one little part. Because if you do that, obviously the